

ANSON COUNTY SCHOOLS

Anson County Schools serve 4,500+ students at ten schools - six elementary schools, one middle school, one senior high school, early college and Anson Challenge Academy, an alternative school for students in grades 7-12. The high school and all elementary schools are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The system has 677 employees - 342 teachers, 75 assistant teachers, 46 certified instructional support staff members and 214 support services staff.

To make certain that Anson County students benefit from the best facilities and equipment possible, Anson County Schools undertook a massive construction program during the 1990s.

Since the early 1990s, the system completed construction of four new elementary schools - Ansonville, Lilesville, Morven and Peachland-Polkton. A new school for the Wadesboro attendance area was recently constructed, ensuring that every Anson County elementary student will attend a modern, state-of-the-art facility designed to enhance learning and teaching opportunities for students and staff. In addition, Anson High School and the Challenge Academy underwent extensive expansion and upgrading in the late 1990's.

Anson schools' state-of-the-art approach is integral to programming as well as the physical plant. The system integrates technology into the instructional program, and each school has an active instructional technology support team that plans and promotes the effective use of technology for the school on an ongoing basis. All nine schools are equipped with computer labs, classroom computers, internet connections, automated media centers and audio-visual production capabilities.

High school students can opt for an intensive college prep or college tech prep course of study. Anson High School offers an extensive list of academic subjects and many technical and vocational courses.

Athletic programs are very competitive at both the conference and state levels. Students in grades 7-12 enjoy a wide array of athletic opportunities, including football, basketball, baseball, softball, volleyball, soccer, track and field, golf, wrestling and tennis. Anson High's majorettes and cheerleaders often win recognition.

The Anson High School JROTC program is rated an "Honor Unit with Distinction" and often rated as the top squad in the nation.

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COMMUNITIES

Although it would be easy to drive through the backroads of Anson County and never know it, there are several small communities in Anson County that have played important roles in our past. Nowadays they may not have much more than a sign to identify the fact that they are indeed a community, but they are ripe with history. Many were built around country stores or feed stores. Some were actually towns which have declined or disappeared, but the citizens in those areas have maintained their identities and pride over the years.

If you are interested in learning more about these communities or about any other aspect of our county, the Historical Society would be an excellent place to begin your endeavor into this fascinating past.

BURNSVILLE Burnsville, located in the northwest corner of the county, was settled in 1753 and known as Burnsville by 1836. It is surmised that the community was named for Walter Burns who operated a tavern there.

In the past, large plantations were farmed, and the area had sawmills, brickyards, and grist mills.

Rocky River Baptist Church, located in Burnsville, was founded in 1776 and is the oldest congregation in Anson County.

CAIRO Cairo, located in southeast Anson County, was the center of rich farmland, where wheat and cotton plantations thrived. Because Cairo, Egypt is known for its rich farmland along the Nile River Delta, it is believed our Cairo was named for there.

The town of Cairo had a post office which opened in 1878, but as the town suffered a general decline it closed in 1904. Nowadays there is not much left of the town, but the area does boast citizens who enjoy the rural lifestyle.

CASON OLD FIELD Located in south-central Anson County, the Cason Old Field Community is located at the intersection of NC Highway 742, S.R. 1110 (Mayesville Road) and S.R. 1003 (Deep Creek Road). It was named for a local family.

PEE DEE Located in eastern Anson County, the then town of Pee Dee was once a stopover for passengers on the Seaboard Airline Railroad. A post office was opened in 1839. The post office was discontinued and re-established six times before it finally closed in 1954.

The Collegiate Institute for Negro Youth ran a school in Pee Dee during the late 1800s.

SNEEDSBOROUGH Located in southeast Anson County, this once thriving river port, connecting the Piedmont with seaports in Georgetown, SC and Charleston, SC, is now completely gone with few traces.

Chartered in 1795, Sneedsborough was named for Richard Edgeworth's step-aunts, Mary and Charlotte Sneyd. The town was famous for the Knox Inn. The inn's chimney is all that remains standing today.

WHITE STORE Located in southwest Anson County, White Store was established circa 1770, and was named for Col. Joseph White, Jr., who operated a store.

Once the home of large plantations, the area fell victim to Union troops during the War Between the States. General Sherman was encamped in the area for about 10 weeks. White Store was also known for its inn, operated by Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Gathings (Mrs. Gathing's was White's daughter).

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